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Subject: Maintenance Action (MA) Message, TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, (TACOM LCMC) Control No. MA 09-040, Advance Combat Helmet (ACH) Screws becoming loose; Advanced Combat Helmet, NSN 8470-01-529-6302, 8470-01-529-6329, 8470-01-529-6344, 8470-01-529-6365.

1. Distribution: This is a Maintenance Action Message. Commanders/Directors of Army Commands (AC)/Army Service Component Commands (ASCC)/Direct Reporting Units (DRU), Army National Guard (ARNG), US Army Reserve (USAR) Command, US Navy (USN), US Air Force (UASF), US Marine Corps (USMC) and other Service Commanders and Responsible Offices will retransmit this message to all subordinate Commanders/Activities.

2. Issue: Soldiers have reported problems with Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) screws. The four screws holding the Chin Strap Retention System and one screw holding the NVD Front Bracket became loose. The screws continued to loosen even with the performance of daily Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services. Some Soldiers have purchased replacement screws and bolts or "lock tight" washers to solve this problem. Locally procured replacement hardware have not been tested against the ACH ballistic requirements and are NOT authorized as replacement items for the ACH.

3. User Actions: Reference the ACH Technical Manual (TM 10-8470-204-10) for use and care of the ACH. PMCS procedures found in the ACH Technical Manual may be used for both the ACH and the Modular Integrated Communications Helmet (MICH). Users should check for loose or missing screws during PMCS. Missing screws should be replaced, loose screws should be tightened. If screws remain loose, they may be secured with Thread Locking Compound, NSN 8030-01-104-5392. Units will not procure unauthorized replacement parts for the ACH or MICH. Unauthorized, locally procured items do not meet established ballistic requirements.

4. Unit Commanders, contact your local TACOM LCMC Logistics Assistance Representative (LAR) or your State Surface Maintenance Manager upon receipt of this message for assistance. For assistance in locating your TACOM LCMC LAR, see paragraph 7d.

5. TACOM LCMC/PM Actions: There are no publication changes required as a result of this message.

6. Supply Status: The following parts may be used to repair BAE/Armor Holdings/Specialty Defense manufactured ACH or MICH with loose screws:

Nomenclature	NSN
Front Bracket Set	5340-01-509-1467
Chin Strap Attachment Tabs	8470-01-531-3897
Screw, Helmet	8470-01-531-4268
Post, Helmet	8470-01-531-4284

Units may also order a Screw Mounting Set, NSN 8470-01-533-1011, for BAE manufactured ACH or MICH, which includes four chin strap attachment tabs, four

helmet screws, and four helmet posts. Users must replace the entire retention system for all ACH/MICH NOT manufactured by BAE/Armor Holdings/Specialty Defense (NSN 8470-01-530-0868 (M/L), or 8470-01-530-0872 (XL)) as the parts listed above are not interchangeable.

Screw, Machine, NSN 5305-00-182-9265, is required for filling the hole in front of the ACH if the NVD is not used. Users may also use Thread Locking Compound, NSN 8030-01-104-5392, and Hook Fastener Tape, NSN 8470-01-506-6742, as required for all ACH and MICH. Repair parts are available and may be requisitioned through the normal supply system.

7. POCs:

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d. To find your TACOM LCMC LAR, you must be a registered user in the Army Electronic Product Support (AEPS) database. If you are a registered user, then click on this link: <https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/Services/Lars/Tacom/Larmap/LARlocate/Larmap.cfm> Then select the appropriate region; i.e. CONUS, Europe, Far East, and SWA. Select the location nearest you and click on a name. This will give you a LAR's name, DSN and commercial phone number, email address, and photo.

(1) If you are not a registered user, request access at the public page: <https://aeps.ria.army.mil/aepspublic.cfm> then click on "Access Request Form" and follow the instructions for obtaining an AEPS userid. If you don't have access to AEPS, you can also obtain this information by contacting the TACOM Senior Command Representative (SCR) for your area.

(2) CONUS-East Region includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and FORSCOM. CONUS-East SCR can be reached at DSN 236-6921, Commercial 910-396-6921.

(3) CONUS-West Region includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. CONUS-West SCR can be reached at DSN 737-0263, Commercial 254-287-0263.

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California, New Mexico and Guam. Pacific SCR can be reached at DSN 357-2991, Commercial 253-967-2991.

(5) Europe Region includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, Luxemburg, Italy, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Macedonia. Europe SCR can be reached at DSN 314-375-3461, Commercial 01149 621-487-3461, in Germany, 0621-487-3461.

(6) Far East Region includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Korea, Okinawa, Kwajalein, and Japan. Far East SCR can be reached at DSN 315-721-7101, commercial 011-82-2-2270-7101.

(7) SWA OIF Region (Iraq) SWA, Region OIF includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Iraq. SWA Region OIF SCR OIF Balad Iraq can be reached at DSN 312-987-5130, ext 6416 commercial 732-427-5130 ext 6416. Joint Base Balad is DSN 312-987-5130, ext 6427 commercial 732-427-5130 ext 6427.

(8) SWA OEF Region (Afghanistan) SWA, Region OEF includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Afghanistan. SWA Region TF Victory OEF SCR OEF can be reached at DSN 318-481-6836/6834. Alternate is DSN 312-987-5130 Commercial 732-427-5130 ext 3821.

(9) Integrated Readiness Maintenance Team (IRMT) Region (Kuwait) SWA Region includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE. IRMT Region IRMT Team Leader can be reached at DSN 318-430-7460, Commercial 011-965-389-7460.

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